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Wastewater Enforcement: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Lafayette Parish Concrete Mixing Facility Enter into Settlement Agreement

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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LDEQ") and Barry Concrete, Inc. ("BCI") entered into a March 31st Settlement Agreement ("SA") addressing alleged violations of Louisiana rules related to wastewater discharges. See Enforcement Tracking No. WE-CN-24-00064.

The SA provides that BCI owns and/or operates a concrete mixing facility in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.

The facility includes truck wash-down bays.

An LDEQ inspector is stated to have inspected the facility to determine the degree of compliance with regulations promulgated pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Code addressing wastewater discharge. The inspection is stated to have determined the facility did not have a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("LPDES") permit or any other authority to discharge pollutants to waters of the State.

The SA alleges the following violations:

- Caused and/or allowed the discharge of wastewater without a permit and/or other authority from LDEQ.
- Failed to submit a Notice of Intent to Discharge to Waters of the States.
- Failed to prepare a Spill Prevention and Control Plan.

The SA provides that BCI denies it committed any violations or that it is liable for any fines, forfeitures, and/or penalties.

The SA requires that BCI take certain steps pursuant to a compliance schedule to address the alleged violations.

A civil penalty of \$4,000 is assessed.

A copy of the SA can be found [here](#).